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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. A clean copy of the claims, as required by rule, are provided in the attached Appendix. For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are set forth below even those that remain unchanged by this filing:

15. (Amended) The cache assignment method of claim 8,14 wherein the data requests are associated with respective cachelet pointers, the method further comprising:

determining whether any of the cachelet pointers are valid, and

assigning remaining data requests to unused cachelets according to a default assignment scheme.